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Amendments to the Claims:

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Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An electromagnetic coupling with a pilot clutch for activating a main clutch wherein clutch plates are thrust with a retaining ring moved by magnetic force produced by an electromagnetic coil in the pilot clutch, wherein:

the electromagnetic coil in the pilot clutch is surrounded with stationary ferromagnetic material over ~~at least~~ its rear, inner peripheral and outer peripheral sides, namely over [[of]] its sides other than its magnetic force exerting side which is its front side, and further that the ferromagnetic material is covered with stationary nonmagnetic material.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) An electromagnetic coupling as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one of said retaining ring and said clutch plate in the pilot clutch is made of ferromagnetic material.